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Memorandum

TO: Administration Committee

DATE: April 6, 2011

FR: Executive Director

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RE: Funding Agreements: FY 2010-11 Caltrans Planning Grants

- i. *San Francisco County Transportation Authority: Better Market Street Transit Planning Study (\$490,000).*
- ii. *San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District: San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District Metro – Sustainable Communities Operational Analysis (\$338,900).*
- iii. *Marin County Transit District: Marin County Transit District Internships in Transit Planning (\$29,500).*
- iv. *Marin County Transit District: Tiburon Transit Needs Assessment (\$56,500).*

Staff recommends that this Committee approve funding agreements with organizations that have been awarded FY 2010-11 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5304 transit planning grants.

Caltrans Planning Grant Program

Each year, Caltrans solicits proposals for federal grant monies available through the Partnership Planning and FTA Section 5304 grant programs. Partnership Planning grants target studies that have a statewide and/or multi-jurisdictional significance. FTA Section 5304 grants fund three areas of work: planning efforts of statewide or multi-regional significance, technical assistance for rural and small urban areas, and transit professional development.

Caltrans requires the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) in each region to apply on behalf of partner agencies. Once Caltrans has selected projects for funding, Caltrans directs the funds through the MPOs to the selected sub-applicants who are responsible for performing the work. Each year, MTC executes funding agreements with each of the sub-applicants to facilitate this process.

FY 2010-11 Grant Awards

Caltrans announced the FY 2010-11 Planning Grant awards in August 2010, including four that were submitted by MTC on behalf of other Bay Area agencies. These awarded grants have been included in the amended FY 2010-11 Overall Work Program (OWP) under MTC Resolution No. 3953, which was adopted by the Commission in December.

Recommendation

Staff recommends this Committee authorize the Executive Director or his designee to negotiate and enter into funding agreements with Bay Area public entities as specified in Table 1, with the total amount of all funding agreements not to exceed \$914,900.

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Table 1: FY 2010-11 Planning Grants Awarded to Bay Area Agencies

Grantee	Project	Grant Award*
San Francisco County Transportation Authority	Better Market Street Transit Planning Study <i>San Francisco County Transportation Authority will conduct a study with the objective of improving the speed, reliability, cost-effectiveness, and sustainability of the transit system on Market Street. This project will coordinate with and supplement the TEP; grant funds will primarily be utilized to support operations analysis.</i>	FTA \$490,000
San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District	San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District Metro – Sustainable Communities Operational Analysis <i>Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) will study how the implementation of the BART Metro Concept could emphasize service to PDAs and benefit the anticipated SCS. This high-level analysis of travel markets, building off of MTC's Transit Sustainability Project, would be combined with an identification of BART system capacity & service strategies and discrete improvements to determine the proper course to achieve the goals of the SCS.</i>	FTA \$338,900
Marin County Transit District	Marin County Transit District Internships in Transit Planning <i>Marin County Transit District will hire several part-time interns to assist staff on products such as the evaluation of the Novato Dial-a-Ride service and the implementation of marketing strategies as part of the 2007 Marin Transit Assessment.</i>	FTA \$29,500
Marin County Transit District	Tiburon Transit Needs Assessment <i>Marin County Transit District will evaluate existing transit service in Tiburon. Priorities will include identification of transportation needs and recommendation of strategies to both address service gaps and improve system efficiencies. This assessment will examine potential alternatives to fixed route service.</i>	FTA \$56,500

* Includes local match of at least 20% for SP&R grants and 11.47% for FTA 5304 grants.

REQUEST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL

Summary of Proposed Funding Agreements

Work Item No.: See below

Agency: See below

Work Project Title: FY 2010-11 Caltrans Planning Grants: FTA 5304 Grant Program

Purpose of Project: Conduct planning activities in accordance with FTA 5304 grant objectives.

Brief Scope of Work: Various planning efforts related to transportation planning and transit planning as outlined in the awarded grant proposals summarized in the memo dated April 6, 2011.

Project Cost Not to Exceed:

WE 1121	San Francisco County Transportation Authority	\$490,000 (FTA 5304)
WE 1121	San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District	\$338,900 (FTA 5304)
WE 1121	Marin County Transit District	\$29,500 (FTA 5304)
WE 1121	Marin County Transit District	\$56,500 (FTA 5304)

Total not to exceed \$914,900

Funding Source: FTA 5304, local match provided by agencies

Fiscal Impact: None

Motion by Committee: That the Executive Director or his designee is authorized to negotiate and enter into funding agreements with the agencies listed above, in the amounts indicated, and the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to set aside funds for the funding agreements.

Administration Committee:

Scott Haggerty, Chair

Date Approved: April 13, 2011